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MS: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE UNDER REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment (if any) and to consider the following remark:

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